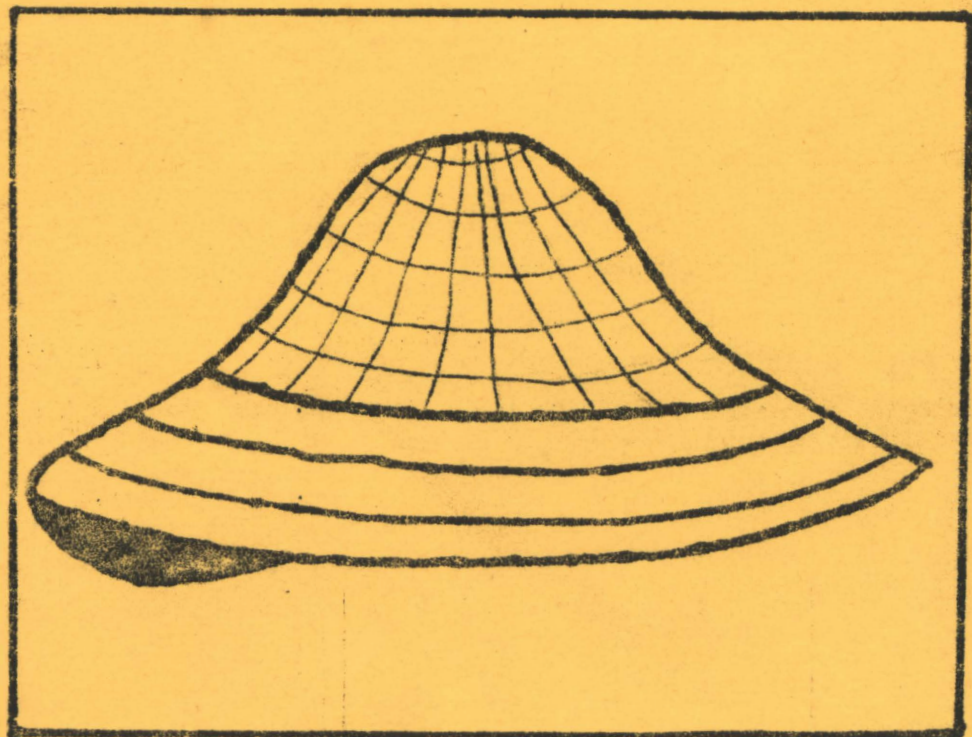


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IN THE POST::

May 13 1975 " ... With regard to these three main points may I say, as Secretary of Contact (UK) that we will be happy to help and liaise with NUFON as and whenever this is possible - which ought to be often - and that we look forward to a long and fruitful relationship. I intend to tell our members of this new link up with you, and to recommend that they cooperate with NUFON too, insofar as geographical location and time permits. Perhaps you will henceforth add our name to the list of 'associating bodies' JB DELAIR Sec. Contact (UK)

(ED:: It is most pleasing to be able to reproduce the above extract and to return the pledge of mutual co-operation with Contact UK. I am sure all NUFON groups will feel exactly the same)

May 20 1975 "Having read some time ago that a UFO crashed into the cliffs in Anglesey I wrote to Wing Commander G Edwards, the officer commanding RAF Valley, Anglesey, enquiring about the incident. Allegedly, I wrote the RAF sealed off the area immediately. When they departed there was no sign of the UFO except for the scars on the cliff face where it had crashed. I wonder if you would try and dig up some information for me.

(ED:: I have no personal knowledge of this incident and the reply from a Wing Commander Boyce states that despite several inquiries he has found nothing about such. He also claims never to have met anyone who has seen a UFO - a fact which seems hard to believe - but he keeps an 'open mind'. If you have any knowledge of this 'crash' contact MARK WILLIAMSON, Secretary of WUFOS, 8 Monksway Abbots Grange Bebbington WIRRAL

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EDITORIAL "Getting the most out of it"

One of our chief aims as a member of any UFO group must be to improve the public and scientific respectability of our subject. One of the main ways of going about this is to ensure all investigations are THOROUGHLY carried out. Too often an (investigation' consists of a report several lines long - FULL STOP. To pass this off as serious investigation is nonsense. Now of course groups struggle for time and manpower and by necessity must be selective in their handling of cases BUT too many cases which cry out for a full investigation receive absolutely the same treatment as a LITS seen by an obviously inexperienced observer. By all means try to identify such reports, and include these efforts in the investigation report, but do NOT waste precious time on them. When a report offers potential make the most of it. Your report should consist of a FULL statement by all witnesses (separate ones), drawings and maps (so often left out), confidential report on the witness by the investigators, details of all attempts to isolate a cause (with weather info, official letters etc), transcripts of recorded interviews, field reports on the area etc. Of course not all cases merit such treatment but too many which do not get it. Maybe you will argue that too much work is involved BUT think how many of your members are not doing anything practical (perhaps because they never have been told what they can do). NUFON too realises its failings - though since it depends on reports from groups this is inevitable. Two things are in process of planning. An EVALUATION scheme and a more detailed presentation of UFO reports. Perhaps this will stir up similar action?

GROUP NEWS:

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BYUIG:: Have announced plans for a further new branch in America. Their Aldershot branch was also recently contacted by - you guessed it - APEN! They are considering purchasing T-Shirts at £1.55 each with their own insignia on. Any group interested may get details from PERMAPRINTS: PO Box 201 485 Hornsey Rd LONDON N19 3QP. The group hopes to publish its first newsletter shortly, tentatively called AD ASTRA. (Cost approx 10p) Details of this from Alan Walsh.

NUFORA:: Apart from the lecture programme (P6) a further live phone-in shown was held on Picadilly Radio (MAY 16). Jenny Randles and Pete Warrington dealt with a further flood of reports and questions though on the whole the standard was below that of previous shows. Several reports were fairly simple to suggest solutions for. There was one caller who set out a full list of his sightings (almost every night) which was followed through to some degree, another recorded the sighting of three lights and then being awoken some hours later by voices saying repeatedly "Are you sure you are doing the right thing?" He argued that these were connected with UFOs because a friend said so. On purely scientific grounds the panel did not accept this. One interesting case from 1956 was reported of a hovering white light at the Catterick Camp. Even this sounded like a temperature inversion but illustrated 'official' reaction well.

NAPRA:: Have been invited to coordinate plans for a panel, from NUFON group members, to prepare evaluations from specific angles on selected cases.

RIGAP:: Ask us to draw attention to the fact that the back cover, which is pre-printed, refers to them under their old name. Correspondants should not do so.

GENERAL NEWS:: The BUFORA conference seems from all who attended to have been considered most valuable. A special Conference Proceedings is to be published by BUFORA. We are reminded of

held on July 5, 1971. It is hoped that many new groups will participate in this exercise. Details of your site arrangements should be sent as early as possible to the Liaison Officer - JEFF PORTER.

As most groups already know consideration is being given to means of improving the standard of NUFON NEWS. This is on two broad fronts of attack. One is the early implementation of a regular SPECIAL ISSUE to replace that months newsletter. This will feature FULL REPORTS on selected cases, evaluation panel reports and research data. The other scheme is a feasibility study in producing a better quality issue and selling it through bookshops around the area. Groups are asked to make inquiries with potential markets in their locality.

UFO SHAPES:: (Compiled by H. Scothern & B. Molloy)

Thanks to these two gentlemen from NAPRA I have been presented with an interesting compilation of various reported shapes. These will be featured as a series over coming months and a commentary will be added to them.

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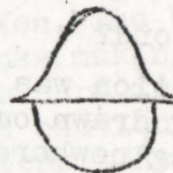
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MUFORA LECTURE REPORT

On Saturday June 7th MUFORA held what was described as the SECOND ANNUAL UFOLOGY lecture at UMIST in Manchester. The first, held last Summer, featured Rex Dutta and attracted over 300 people, but it was decided that a more down to earth approach be used this year and the factual and scientific aspects of the subject stressed. In consequence two lectures were held. In the morning Arthur Tomlinson, with reference to a fascinating and extensive selection of slides, gave a general appraisal of the phenomena outlining the various types of observation and related effects. After a lunch break Norman Oliver gave a somewhat rambling but highly enjoyable précis of the various theories to explain what UFOs are. He tended to concentrate on Contactee cases, though that is not a criticism. There is no doubt that the lectures were for the UFO connoisseur and as one of the few audience members unfamiliar with the subject commented, "It did nothing to convince me one way or the other". Considering this and the sweltering heat of one of Summers few heatwaves the attendance of 70 or so, though looking minute in the high capacity hall, was reasonable. It was good to see so many NUFON groups represented and the opportunity was taken to have a mid lecture group chat. There was also a full visual display by WUFOS, RIGAP, DIGAP and a joint NUFON section. Printed matter was also available from Norman Oliver, FSR and NUFON. The event certainly fulfilled a role in Northern UFOlogy and this amply compensates for any disappointment over attendances.

VIEWPOINT: THE APEN AFFAIR - The Last Word?

As a deliberate measure no mention was made last month of developments in this long drawn out battle of wits which seems to be getting nowhere. Opinion varies on all sides. Some feel most strongly we should stop playing guessing games. Others that there may be something important lurking somewhere amongst the 'mystery messages' clues and tapes. The editorial opinion is certainly that there is not enough space to continually devote to repeated pleas for sanity from

these people. However, the current intensification of APEN activity - direct to the groups and bypassing NUFON (which is quite calculated apparently) IS causing upset and unrest within the groups. THIS MUST NOT HAPPEN. So it has been decided to issue a clarifying statement which will be THE LAST WORD until something more constructive emerges from APEN. Prompted by a letter from Ken Green of WUFOS I decided, via these pages (which as Ken says seems to be the only means of contact), to explain to APEN (though they really ought to know) why they face the attitude they do.

APEN alledge in letters to groups that "they do not wish to control NUFON member groups as some NUFON officials do." This is so ludicrous that it proves how far removed they must be from the true situation. It is fortuitous that NUFON is succeeding so well that despite being told not to inform the secretary groups do so whenever a contact from APEN occurs. I thank them sincerely for that and offer it as proof that our communications network of FULLY INDEPENDANT groups does work. Let APEN understand:-

- 1) THERE ARE NO NUFON OFFICIALS. Just a handful of people without power doing the paper work to keep Ufo information flowing.
- 2) NOT ONE OF THESE PERSONS SUPPORTS UNIFICATION (that is why the word Union was changed in the title). Even if they did the networks structural constitution makes it IMPOSSIBLE.

Fortunately NUFON groups completely realise these points and believe in cooperative sharing of information via NUFON. I hope APEN will now see this clearly also.

As for our attitude there is of course no official line but I know no member who is 'hostile' to APEN, as the latter alledge. Rather they are apathetic after so long. To quote Ken, "The UFO field attracts more than its fair share of cranks making investigators cautious of anything unusual. APEN is certainly unusual in its approach and so have been treated cautiously while members await proof of their good intentions." What are we expected to do? Go down on our knees and beg APEN for help? I think I speak for all concerned when I say that if APEN came out in the open, removed the secrecy which prevents us communicating with them and made concrete proposals rather than vague renderings WE WOULD LISTEN. If not there is nothing to do. The move is APENs NOT our

6707 Oct 31 1957 Maghull BYUIG
 At 19-45 hours six witnesses, mostly children, observed a blotchy red oval pass across the sky on a SSW - E course. It had a dark rim with red patches in side. Its apparant size was $\frac{1}{4}$ ". It went silently out of sight behind some houses.

6804 April 1968 Shipley Yorks BUFORA
 An interesting report comes from a young boy who was called into his 24yr old sisters bedroom at about 22.00 one night. They both watched as a long object - red in colour - but with hazy patches flew low and silent on a N-S path. Three flashing lights (white and yellow on top, red below) were spotted. They rushed out side where several neighbours were watching it also. It moved out of sight but was recorded by other people a mile or so further along its course.



NOTE: I have received a large batch of reports from SUFORS which originate from the NOTTINGHAM UFO SOCIETY. This group have refused to cooperate with NUFON - for their own reasons - but I am sure they will not object to my using this information for your interest.

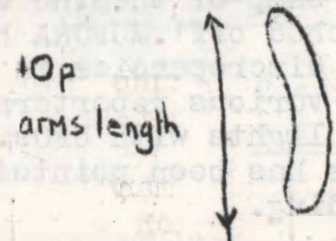
7450 February 1974 Nottingham NUFORS
 A witness and his young daughter spotted a triangular shape - amber in colour - moving in and out of broken cloud at 19-45 hours. It appeared much as a 'V' bomber would from underneath but was totally silent despite its reasonably low altitude.

7452 May 26 1974 Nottingham NUFORS
 This interesting report stems from a skywatch - which the group hold regularly. There are four very detailed accounts from the witnesses involved.

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 it was first seen at 00.10 in the constellation Cygnus. No actual object was observed at any time during the 16 minutes of the sighting. It was stationary at first for 3-4 minutes and consisted of two bright flashes, one white one blue, every 21 seconds. Its brightness was such that despite its apparant height it reflected off one of the witnesses coats. It began to move towards Lyrae and stopped again for 2 minutes. It then circled the star Vega in an anticlockwise direction. For a few seconds it disappeared but was seen again below and to the right heading in the opposite direction towards Ophiuchus. Its speed increased to about twice that of a satellite and the flashes steadily increased to about two per minute. It eventually was lost on the horizon in the mist.

7455 September 9 1974 Nottingham NUFORS
 At 22.20 Mrs MacKenzie and her teenage daughter and young son saw for fifteen minutes the peculiar antics of an object - variously described as oval or onion like. It moved in a NNE path, in zig zag fashion, slowly inclining down and made 180 degree turns. When it came within a few hundred yards a low humming was heard. It sank out of sight behind rooftops. The colour was red & white with hazy edges.

7530 May 13 1975 Rochdale MUFORA
 This report is potentially most intriguing and it is intended to feature it in more depth shortly in the first of our SPECIAL ISSUE - Case Studies. At 22.50 Mr & Mrs A plus daughter returned home. Mr & Miss A stayed out side to watch the spectacle as in the distance to the West a yellow crescent shape was seen in the sky. It seemed to keep fading in and out. On a couple of occasions it faded out from its vertical position and reappeared horizontal. Mrs A observed for a short while but was afraid and went indoors. Miss A noted red pulses running up and down the object five times, then a break, then repeated. Just before it faded from view it was moving towards the East and was as

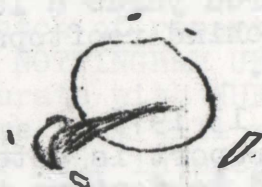


They approached. The whole thing is somewhat reminiscent of the French 'cloud Cigar' cases. One slight doubt was the discovery that in the same direction earlier that evening there had been a fire. Could this be connected?

7531 May 18 1975 Prescott NAPRA
Three bright white lights in triangular formation were recorded by three witnesses from about 100yds. They were pulsing.

7532 May 27 1975 Haslingden RIGAP
Tim Evans records that he saw a full white light at 22.25 to the South of Haslingden, moving Eastwards. It moved steadily and low down and seemed to accelerate after the first minute or so. At 22.22 to 22.26 on a WSW-ESW path the satellite SKYLAB was brightly visible at 40 deg maximum elevation. Sounds a likely candidate.

7533 May 31 1975 Rochdale MUFORA
On June 4 the Manchester Evening News carried the story "SAUCERS AT THE BOTTOM OF HIS GARDEN". It concerns a 27 yr old security worker who had a night off and got up at 02-40 to make a drink. Through the kitchen window he saw several white lights hovering between branches seemingly on the fields at the back of his house. There were several other blue lights above these. He rushed out in his bare feet and took a polaroid snap of them. He was going to take another but they 'switched off'. MUFORA have checked this up and found one or two discrepancies in the reported events sequence (as told to various reporters). There is also nothing to connect the lights with UFOs. They were not flying nor saucers - as has been pointed out to the News. Investigation proceeding.



THE PHOTO

7534 June 3 1975 Bootle BYUIG
Several people watched a black disc shape moving to the East at 21.30. It was in view for 40 seconds. Its height was 3000' and it moved slower than an aircraft. BYUIG later discovered that a members magnetic detector was triggered around this same time.

AROUND THE GROUPS -4) BYUIG

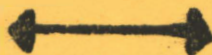
The last of our compliment of groups who were with NUFON right from the outset are BYUIG. Indeed the name is something of a misnomer since their membership extends far beyond Britain with branches in several European countries and America and new ones being formulated all the time. Not only this but membership, though predominantly so, is not exclusive to any age limit and their oldest member is 68. However the group concentrates activity on Merseyside where it began in March 1972. The hard-core members, Alan Walsh (Controller) Tracy Bushnell (Secretary) Thomas Bingham and Paul Bennett meet very regularly to plan progress and skywatches during the Summer are held nightly on a roat basis. Though primarily engaged in investigation they also give talks to local schools and societies. Their first publication, AD ASTRA (the Way to the Stars) is due soon. Does this mean that they favour the extra terrestrial ideas of UFO origin? In general they do - but with caution about seemingly related ideas such as those propounded by Daniken. With Merseyside seeming to be a channel for UFO activity in a wide sense there is no doubt BYUIG will be kept active. I hope that they find time to prepare a special report on their wealth of local investigation which NUFON can then publish for the benefit of Ufology.

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